

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit that Figures in the Submission of Replacement of Drawing Sheets, filed herewith, do not contain any new matter.

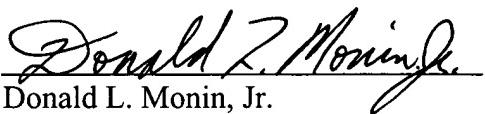
Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims and an early indication of allowability. Should the Examiner feel that there remains any matters outstanding before a Notice of Allowance may issue, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. In the event that any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fees including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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